

PATENT APPLICATION
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For: SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS, FIBER AND PRODUCT
TREATED WITH THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION IN RCE APPLICATION

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first Office Action in the
above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 15.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows. A marked-up copy is
enclosed herewith.

12. (Four Times Amended) Surface treatment chemicals
for forming a polymerization reaction product on the surface
of a fiber in which the improvement is characterized in that
said surface treatment chemicals comprise a water-soluble
organic substance selected from the group consisting of at
least one of a protein selected from fibroin, collagen and
wool, protein derivatives ^{of the above} and polysaccharides, having an
average molecular weight of 100 to 20,000, a polymerization
initiator and a reactive modifier.